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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Interagency Studies for Mobilization Planning  
for Foreign Economic Operations

REFERENCES: A. NSC Action No. 126  
B. Memo for NSC from Actin Executive Secretary,  
subject: "Responsibility for Economic  
Warfare", dated October 5, 1948

The enclosed memorandum by the Chairman, National Security Resources Board, on the subject is circulated herewith for the information of the National Security Council pursuant to NSC Action No. 126 b.

No action on the enclosure has been requested by the Chairman, National Security Resources Board.

SIDNEY W. SOUERS  
Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Interagency Studies for Mobilization Planning for  
Foreign Economic Operations

At a meeting of the National Security Council on October 5, 1948 and in response to questions raised in a memorandum of the Secretary of Defense, dated September 25, 1948, the then Chairman of the National Security Resources Board, Mr. Arthur M. Hill, disclosed a plan for a series of interagency studies basic to mobilization planning for foreign economic activities in the event of war.

The Council at that meeting noted acceptance of this responsibility by the NSRB and welcomed Mr. Hill's offer to keep the Council informed of progress made. This memorandum is, therefore, a brief report of progress to date.

Eight interagency groups have now been organized under the direction of selected "lead" agencies. Each group is actively engaged in the study of a major field of foreign economic activities in time of war, and interagency recommendations are anticipated in March 1949. These recommendations will then be reviewed by NSRB staff and, with the assistance of the agencies, will be integrated with other aspects of mobilization planning.

The individual studies, the agency in charge and the agencies represented are listed below.

<u>Study</u>	<u>Agencies</u>
I Framework of International Economic Cooperation	State (in charge), Treasury, Commerce, Agriculture, ECA and Munitions Board
II Preclusive Buying ✓	State (in charge), Treasury, Commerce, Agriculture, ECA, Interior and Munitions Board

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## Memorandum for the Executive Secretary, National Security Council

<u>Study</u>	<u>Agencies</u>
III Foreign Economic Assistance ✓	State (in charge), Treasury, Commerce, Agriculture, ECA and Munitions Board
IV Export Controls ✓	Commerce (in charge), State, Treasury, Agri- culture and Munitions Board
V Import Controls ✓	Commerce (in charge), State, Treasury, Agri- culture and Munitions Board
VI Foreign Procurement and Development	Commerce (in charge), State, ECA, Treasury, Agriculture, Interior and RFC
VII Proclaimed Listing ✓	Commerce (in charge), State, Treasury and Justice
VIII Foreign Assets Control ✓	Treasury (in charge), State, Commerce, Federal Reserve and Justice

The degree of cooperation shown by the participating agencies has been most encouraging, and I feel sure that the extensive work involved will be most valuable in over-all mobilization planning.

/s/ John R. Steelman

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